

BOYCOTT SPREADS AGAINST THE HIGH PRICE OF MEATS

GUGGENHEIMS NOW CONTROL 75 PER CENT OF SOFT COAL

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Local representatives of the Guggenheim interests have secured options on 80 percent of the New River coal field which comprises 200,000 acres, as part of a plan to combine the entire bituminous coal interests of southern West Virginia, the Fairmount field and the holdings of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. This will give the Guggenheims control of about 75 percent of the soft coal of the country.

GRADUATION OF GRAMMAR GRADES

Eight Grade Pupils Leave Ward Schools to Enter the High School.

SECOND TERM OF THE YEAR BEGINS

Half of the school cycle has been covered and the pupils of the city schools will begin Monday on the last lap which separates them from the much coveted vacation time. Examinations have been in progress during the week and the work of the half term has been brought to a close.

Miss Mamie Sexton, principal of the San Jacinto school, will entertain the members of the graduating class of her school this evening at the school building. She will be assisted by Misses Margareta Le Baron, Alma Jones, Janie Ellis and Mrs. Frank Payne, instructors at the San Jacinto school.

At the Mesa school the parents and patrons met this afternoon to discuss the work of the half year just closed and to plan for the remainder of the school year.

The graduates from the Lamar, Mesa and San Jacinto schools, the three grammar schools having eighth grade classes to enter the high school at this time, are:

San Jacinto—Emily Berry, Lena Butchinsky, Clara Fink, Almira Mead, Kate Merkin, Jennie Olson, Edith Taylor, Edna Van Catten, Doris Wall, Eva Weeks, John Fassett, Philip Holman, Philip Merrill, Day Verne Stearns, Lee Piekens.

Mesa school—Alice Bishop, Anna Mae Colvard, Lila Gayler, Ruth Hodges, Ruth Keating, Mary Keating, Ethel Langford, Delma Mueller, Emilie Ormsbee, Amy Jean Robinson, Bessie Routledge, Minnie Zwick, Eunice Anderson, Frances Jenkins, Flora Hague, Elizabeth Stevens, Minnie Lee Lassiter, Ernest Hutton, Ross Hill, Lewis Ormrod, Louis Robertson, Earl Weisiger, Walter Ponsford, George Johnson.

Lamar school—Ruth Ravel, Helen Caspary, Blanche Garvin, Rose Graham, Carrie Brooks, Ada Roundtree, Lillie Malone, Gay Montgomery, Ina Palancor, Rowland Stafield, Tom Schneider, George Corning, Alex Greaves, Douglas Allen, Scott White, James Robertson.

COAL CHUTES BURNS

Mt. Pleasant, Tex., Jan. 21.—Fire at 4 o'clock this morning totally destroyed the big Cotton Belt coal chute and shed and four cars loaded with coal. The loss will reach \$25,000.

COMET VISIBLE IN EL PASO THURSDAY NIGHT

Did you see the comet last night? It was there, whether you saw it or not, for several El Pasoans did see it.

The comet was visible about 6 o'clock, directly over the smelter from the city. Those who saw it last night, believe that it may be seen again this evening and are preparing to watch for it.

The comet appeared low, close to the horizon, with the tail in the air, and was visible for some time.

R. H. Smith, of 1015 Nevada street, saw it and showed it to two other people. When he first saw it, he was standing on the porch of C. W. Miller's residence on Arizona street, and he called Mrs. Miller out to see it. Then he went home to his residence at 1015 Nevada street, and got Mrs. Smith and showed it to her. This took 15 minutes or more and the comet remained in sight all that time.

The comet was reported as having been seen in Dallas and several other localities last night also.

"The Fourth Estate"

This sensational modern drama, the hit of the season in New York, has just been novelized, and will be printed in the columns of The Herald in a short time. Opening chapters will appear Saturday.

"The Fourth Estate" is a powerful story, dealing with politics, the press, society and corruption in public life. A young editor fights a battle against corruption on the bench, at sacrifice of the love he bears for the daughter of the man his conscience forces him to assail. Every method known to the trickster is resorted to in an effort to break him down or swerve him from his course—boycot by advertisers, social snubs, and personal assaults, but he holds to the mark and prints the news.

The play is one of the most sensational that New York has witnessed in years. Many of the scenes take place in the composing room and editorial room of a modern newspaper. It is intensely thrilling.

Following "The Fourth Estate," Rose Stahl's famous success, "The Chorus Lady," will be printed. The Herald has bought the rights for both of these.

TEXAS CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 21.—While playing around a fire yesterday, the child of C. M. Hayes fell into the flames, receiving burns which caused its death today. Mrs. Hayes was seriously burned trying to rescue the child.

MINERS TO BE MERGED AS ONE

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—A definite plan for the projected merger of the organized metal and coal miners of the United States and Canada will be laid before the convention of United Mine Workers by a committee representing the coal miners of the Western Federation of Miners.

The conference committee of the latter organization includes Charles H. Moyer, president; C. E. Mahoney, vice president; William Davidson, member of the executive board; James Devlin, Daniel Holland, M. J. O'Connor and J. D. Cannon.

The two committees will immediately take up the work of framing a coalition contract that will bring about either an amalgamation or an offensive and defensive working agreement.

Thomas L. Lewis, of Ohio, was selected president of the United Mine Workers over William Green, of Ohio, his only opponent, by more than 23,000 majority, according to figures announced in the convention today.

Frank J. Hayes, of Illinois, was elected vice president, defeating E. S. McCullough, the present incumbent, and Edwin Perry was chosen secretary-treasurer without opposition.

OIL COMPANY TO SPEND MONEY

Successors to Waters-Pierce to Make Improvements in Texas.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 21.—That the new Fordyce Oil company, which took over the Waters-Pierce Oil company's Texas property, will soon make extensive improvements and establish branches in many additional towns, is learned at the office of S. W. Fordyce today.

The company officials believe the future prosperity and large number of settlers coming to that state demand larger facilities.

It is known that several hundred thousand dollars will be spent.

POPPING COALS SET FIRE TO RESIDENCE

Clarksville, Tex., Jan. 21.—The large residence of L. M. Carpenter was destroyed by fire early this morning by live coals popping from a grate into a bundle of papers. The loss will reach \$6,000.

ASYLUM AS REFUGE FOR CRIMINALS

New Yorkers Urge More Rigid Laws Against Habeas Corpus for Thaws.

MEN OF HIS KIND ASSAILED

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 21.—In a report that scathingly rebukes efforts to liberate Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan asylum, the special committee on the commitment and discharge of the criminal insane today recommended to the 32d annual meeting of the New York state bar association, the amendment of the habeas corpus law.

It is suggested that the law be so amended that a person confined in a private asylum may ask for a writ of habeas corpus any time and without supporting affidavits but that a person confined in any state hospital for insane criminals, or a state hospital for insane convicts, may make an application for a writ of habeas corpus only if a written verified petition accompanied by a certificate made under oath by two qualified medical examiners in lunacy.

The Thaw Case.

The report continues in part: "To emphasize the need for this remedy reference should be made to a well known case which has been in the public eye for long, where a murderer, having escaped the consequences of his crime by the plea of insanity is trying to escape the consequences of his crime by means of a continuous performance in habeas corpus. No stronger illustration of the abuses in our system of criminal jurisprudence can be had than by recalling the circumstances of this case.

"A youthful debauchee of great wealth, trained to believe that his money gave him a right of freedom from all restraint, whether imposed by the law or the rules of decency, he inherited an abnormality of mind likely to develop into homicidal acts, leading a debased and ignoble life without a thought for his responsibility, commits a foul and cowardly murder in a public resort.

Defeating the Law.

"If he were sane, there could be no escaping penalty of death. His only defense is insanity. After a long and seemingly needless delay—and delay in halting the murderer for trial brings the administration of the criminal law into disrepute—he is brought to a trial, which, by reason of the manner in which it is conducted, degenerates into a disgraceful farce and a confused jury itself unable to agree. A second trial, conducted properly and with dignity, results in a verdict of acquittal on the ground of insanity and the prisoner is sent by the court to a state asylum for the criminal insane. From this he plans to get free upon successive writs of habeas corpus, which he purposes to apply for so long as his purse will enable him to pay zealous counsel and unscrupulous experts.

Unscrupulous Experts.

"We say unscrupulous experts for, to the shame of the medical profession be it spoken, the expert who at one time swears him out of jail on an opinion of insanity, attempts another time to swear him out of the asylum by an opinion of sanity.

"So forgetful are the murderer's family of their duty to society, their obligation to uphold the law, that they aid and abet the plot and instead of leaving him to his fate as it is their duty as citizens to do, they claim, forsooth, that he is an object of persecution.

"Among the numerous judges of the supreme court of this state, the chances are that there is at least one, whose head is least able to control his heart and the only problem in this murderer's quest for freedom is to discover who that particular judge is.

"It is a mere question of time and money when this particular murderer will be free to direct his homicidal inclinations against some other citizen who has already fallen or may hereafter come under his displeasure. And everything done according to the form of law."

SAYS STATES WOULD BE AT MERCY OF JAPAN

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Before the house committee on merchant marine representative Humphrey, of Washington, declared: "I do not anticipate any war with Japan, but if a war should come, we would be at the mercy of Japan or any other invading force, so far as the coast defenses are concerned."

Representative McKinley, of California, corroborated this statement.

Effective Protest Against Meat Trust

As a protest against the high price of meats, a boycott started in Illinois, is spreading rapidly into various sections of the country. The people are pledging themselves against the use of meat until the price is reduced and the movement is spreading like fire in a powder magazine.

No such steps have yet been taken in El Paso. Henry M. Walker, secretary of the Central Labor Union, said today that he had not yet heard of any local action being contemplated, but that El Paso would likely receive communications from unions in other cities where the matter had been taken up and that it would then be disposed of as the local unions thought fit.

While the unions started the movement in the central west, it is by no means confined to union people and the general public is joining in crusade for cheaper meats—no meat till meat is cheaper.

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS FOR EL PASO

Business Men Take Hold of the Plan and Are Enthusiastic Over It.

MISS SLATER EXPLAINS PLAN

That an El Paso school of a high class for girls will be pushed to immediate realization, there seems little doubt. A movement on foot towards that end found expression in a second meeting in the chamber of commerce last night. The El Paso School for Girls will open in September, 1910, according to the plans.

That not only El Paso but the southwest needs a girl's school was the general opinion. In fact, it is from the boarding pupils from other cities that the hope of glowing success is based. Not only southwestern states and territories demand an accessible school for girls, but American residents of the Mexican republic are expected to offer much support. It is pointed out that girls of small towns and daughters of ranching and mining men need the boarding school's refining influence even more than boys. The success of the El Paso Military Institute, established by means of similar funds employed in the new project, is due to this condition.

No mammoth plans will be projected by those interested in the new educational institution—a group of fathers and mothers actually affected by the present lack of educational advantages. The new school will aim to prepare girls for college by means unsupplied by any public schools in any city. At first a group of buildings will be leased, and equipment purchased which may eventually be employed in a permanent home institution. A working capital of \$10,000 will be needed, according to the estimates. It will be obtained by subscription of stock shares among those vitally interested in the creation of the school.

Miss Slater Explains Plans.

It was Miss Ora W. L. Slater, whose experience in the work doubtless will place her in charge of the institution, who first spoke. Miss Slater outlined a plan for the complete school of three courses, as well as the present undertaking, that of establishing high school courses with the necessary variations to answer current demands. She suggested that the new school become affiliated with eastern schools in the same degree as the eastern schools are with the colleges, affording opportunity for pupils to attend an eastern institution for a final, finishing year. She proposed that the school be a prominent feature, thus attracting eastern girls on account of the climatic advantages offered. Miss Slater estimated that 25 to 30 boarding pupils and 40 day pupils could be properly cared for in the building. In view of the difficulty of procuring teachers, the speaker asked that definite plans be announced at once.

The Need Is Great.

"We need the school," said Horace B. Stevens, who acted as chairman of the meeting, "and we can get the \$10,000." "El Paso should become the intellectual as well as the industrial center of the southwest," declared Alfred Courchese.

"There is even a greater demand for a girl's school than for a boy's school," admitted Capt. Davis, of the El Paso Military Institute. "Its value to the city in a financial way is equally great," he said.

"Yes, it is possible to raise the money," declared president J. A. Happer, of the chamber of commerce. "El Paso raised \$400,000 in the last five years for churches, clubs, and schools. Get some new faces to go the rounds and make a 60 day canvass," he advised.

F. Williams advised caution in seeking a sufficient amount to carry the work through. He, too, believed that the desired sum can be raised.

A committee on organization appointed last night is composed of J. F. Wollams, E. M. Bray and J. J. Ormsbee. L. E. Behr, Charles Newman and J. G. McNair will investigate location possibilities for the temporary home of the institution.

Plans drawn up by Frost & Frost at the dictation of Miss Slater were introduced. The plans show a three story building of the double patio plan with an open air gymnasium, and many unique features. The building, without the land, would cost about \$50,000. The next meeting will be held at the chamber of commerce next Wednesday at 3 o'clock. All interested in the project from any point of view are urged to attend.

MORE SNOW THAN LAST YEAR ON RIO GRANDE

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21.—The distribution of the snowfall up to December 31 was irregular and, as a whole, considerably less than for the corresponding period last year, says the weather bureau. As compared with the normal, there was a deficiency on the northeastern drainage areas, and an excess on the southeastern and western watersheds. The ground was not deeply frozen when the first snow fell, and it is likely that considerable moisture will be absorbed when melting begins. Continued cold and the general absence of high winds have been unfavorable to packing.

In the region drained by the Rio Grande the snowfall has been greater than for the corresponding period last year, as well as greater than the average.

The following extracts from the reports show the prevailing conditions at representative points at the close of December:

Rio Grande Watershed: Hermit—The present depth, 32 inches, is about the average. Jasper—the snow contains an unusually large amount of water, but the ground was dry when winter set in. Platoro—There has been less than the usual amount of drifting; the snow is unusually well packed. La Veta Pass—The fall has been double that of a year ago; it is badly drifted. Liberty—More than the usual amount of snow has fallen.

MAN MURDERED NEAR GLOBE OVER CARDS

Globe, Ariz., Jan. 21.—That the man who was found yesterday 15 miles south of Globe, was murdered, is now a certainty.

When sheriff Frank Haynes returned from the scene last evening he reported that the man had been found lying on his left side with his coat under his arm as if he had fallen on it.

Scattered around him was found a deck of playing cards, indicating that gambling had been the cause of the crime.

His forehead had been struck with a heavy stick. The base of his skull was also crushed. His hat was never found.

The body of the dead man was brought to Globe last evening, where it is hoped it will be identified.

ARIZONA LUMBERMEN PROTEST AT RATES

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—Charges that the lumber rate on railroads in Arizona is three times what it should be, were made to commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission by three lumber companies of that territory today.

The companies say they ship about 12,000,000 feet of lumber annually and their market is almost entirely in Arizona and New Mexico.

KNOX TURNED DOWN ON MANCHURIAN PLAN

Russia and Japan Reply Regarding Railroad Neutralization.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 21.—The reply of the Japanese government to the proposal of the United States for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways was handed to ambassador O'Brien this afternoon. It is a polite declination.

The declination is said to be based on several grounds, chief of which are: The American plan would be of no advantage whatever to Japan or China, nor change the commercial situation in Manchuria, where Japan is adhering strictly to its pledges of an open door.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Jan. 21.—Russia's reply to secretary Knox's note proposing the neutralization of the Manchurian railways, was handed to ambassador Rockhill today. It has been understood that Japan and Russia have taken identical action on the American proposal.

MEXICAN LOSES LIFE SAVING A MAN FROM RIVER

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 21.—Jose Martinez, a Mexican, lost his life in the Rio Grande today while trying to rescue a drowning friend, Jesse Lopez. The men were in a skiff which overturned. Martinez swam ashore, but returned to assist Lopez, who was unable to swim. In their struggles both sank.

FAVORS CONTROL OF WATER VESTED IN STATES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Before the house of governors closed its sessions, governor Shafroth, of Colorado, introduced a resolution stating that it was the sense of the conference that the control and regulation of water powers should rest in the state. This was referred to a committee, but the committee was unable to report and the matter will probably be taken up at the next conference.

The governors will meet next time at one of the state capitals.

WOMAN WANTS HER HUSBAND ARRESTED

Says He Left Her in Globe and Took All Her Valuables With Him.

Globe, Ariz., Jan. 21.—"I don't care for the man. I don't mind being deserted, but it hurts me to think that a man could be so heartless and cruel as to take the last cent a woman has and then run away."

Thus exclaimed Mrs. John Sutton last evening, after she had finished telling Judge Hinson Thomas her tale of woe.

She swore out a complaint for her husband's arrest, alleging that he went into her rooms while she was at lunch and took all of her jewels, which she valued at \$200.

It is said that Sutton later boarded a train and left town. The Suttons have been married five years and came here last week from Blaine.

HOTEL MEN TO MAKE "AMERICA'S POOR LIKE PEASANTS" BOYCOTT NATIONAL

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21.—Something of a national character is to be given the recently inaugurated meat boycott, according to Sam Dutton, president of the Western Hotel Men's Protective association.

The proposition of cutting down the consumption of meat will be brought before that body at its meeting in Chicago January 31, when the association is to be made national.

"Unless something is done to curtail the consumption of meat," said Mr. Dutton, "the time is coming when the poor of this country will be no better off than the peasants in Europe."

DETERMINED CONSUMERS TO FORCE IT DOWN

Refuse to Eat Meats Again Until the Price Takes a Drop to Proper Place.

VEGETABLES ON BILLS OF FARE

Throughout Middle West and the West the No-Meat Crusade Is Spreading.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—The boycott on high food prices started in Cleveland a week ago, is growing rapidly.

Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Michigan are now included in the ranks of the crusaders in the west, while in the east, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware are lifting their voices in feeble protests.

Ohio, however, is still the stronghold of the movement. The Cleveland boycott has extended to Canton, where the Central Labor union has adopted a "no meat resolution" and petitions favoring a meat boycott is meeting with surprising results in Columbus, Toledo, Akron and other towns.

The crusade in Ohio has found encouragement in the publicly expressed belief of governor Harmon that the food trust is gobbling excessive profits somewhere between the producer and the consumer. He has called on the legislature to hunt the trust out of the woods and exhibit it to the people.

In Chicago "no meat for me for 30 days" tags are selling by the hundreds, and now the boycott is spreading west.

In Kansas City the restaurants are making prominent their lists of vegetable dishes, while on the menu cards is printed "assist in the movement to reduce the price of meats."

In Denver, plans are being laid by the Denver trades assembly to hold a mass meet-

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